

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, and 19-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended, claims 22-24 are added, and claims 4, 11, and 18, are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for new claims 22-24 can be found in the original specification including the claims and the figures. For example, support for claim 22 can be found in Figure 3 and on page 5, lines 9-22 (paragraphs [0034]-[0036] of the published application); support for claim 23 can be found in original claim 4; and support for claim 24 can be found on page 5, lines 9-22 (paragraphs [0034]-[0036] of the published application). Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 4, 11, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1, therefore Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable and claims 2-3, 5-10, and 12-21, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable.

1. Objections

The Office Action objects to the specification. Applicant submits that the above amendments to the title obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is hereby requested.

2. 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 14-17, 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Best* (U.S. Patent No. 4,130,846). As mentioned

above, allowable claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1, therefore Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable and claims 2-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 14-17, 19 and 21, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

3. 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 6, 13, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Best*. As mentioned above, allowable claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1, therefore Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable and claims 6, 13, and 20, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

4. New Claims

Claims 22-24 have been added to the application. Applicant submits that claim 22 is allowable over *Best* because *Best* includes a separation layer 16, 20 between anisotropic layers 15, 17, as illustrated in Figures 4-7 of *Best*.

Additionally, Applicant submits that claim 23 is allowable over *Best* because claim 23 corresponds to allowable claim 4.

Finally, Applicant submits that claim 24 is allowable over *Best* because *Best* forms anisotropic layers by plating, and then bending. See col. 3, lines 20-33.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant therefore requests allowance of new claims 22-24 in addition to the other pending claims.

5. Conclusion

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below if any issues remain in this matter, or if a discussion regarding any portion of the application is desired by the Examiner.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

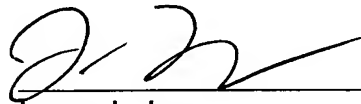
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